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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosectuion application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. X Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other b. Enclosed Amendment/Reply Affidavit(s)/Declarations Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv Other 2. Miscellaneous a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) b. Other 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3550 07/27/2004 MAHMED1 00000056 10038175 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) 01 FC:1801 770.00 DP Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17) iii. X Other any deficiency in the enclosed fee b. X Check in the amount of \$ enclosed Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED Maxwell J. Petersen Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) Name 32,772 (Print/Type) 21 July 2004 Signature Date CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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